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The Tribune New Year Number.

THE New Year number of the Tribune is in course of preparation, and this year, besides the usual review of the mining industry, several new and interesting features will be added, making the issue one of the most complete and comprehensive ever attempted.

The results of the capabilities of the products of Salt Lake and of its resources and productions is the principal object of this publication. This would be an impossibility without the assistance and co-operation of business men, manufacturers and others in giving candid statements of the facts in their possession, which, in most cases, are known only to the individual.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have already so assisted, and to bespeak for Mr. Bowman and Mr. Gittings, who are handling this end of the work, the hearty co-operation of the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Salt Lake.

The robbery of the pay-wagon of a circus is something unique. It would be wiser to say that it is a retributive justice.

The Independent advocates the publication of the contributions for campaign funds. This is no more nor less than a scheme to choke off the generosity of party patriots.

The Irish National party, having become so strong that it has won the most important victory of its existence in the enactment of the land-purchase law, is about to split again. It's the usual way.

President Gompers said in his talk to labor delegates the other day in San Francisco, that there was much in knowing when to strike and how to strike. Quite so; but there's a whole lot more in knowing how, by cautious prudence, to win the point that may be desired and be just, by not striking at all.

There need be not the slightest uneasiness about Colombia's reported proposal to build a canal to connect the waters of the Atlantic with those of the Pacific by way of the Atrato and San Juan rivers. It is an old plan, the route has been thoroughly examined repeatedly, and as repeatedly condemned for being too costly and in fact impracticable.

Some gentlemen who are now of opinion that the election of a United States Senator by the coming Legislature will be "a mere formality," are rather sure to get an eye-opener by the morning of election. But what if there should be two United States Senators to elect by the Legislature at its coming session? That would be no mere formality, for certain; but it would be a good deal like business.

The Supreme Court of Colorado is visiting the just vengeance of the law upon the criminal conspirators against popular government, who in Denver violated their trust as election officers by conniving at and perpetrating frauds on the ballot-boxes in the recent election in that city. Of those found guilty, two were fined a thousand dollars each and sent to jail for a year, and one was fined \$250 and sent to jail for sixty days. That is both prompt and severe punishment; but the Democratic habit of fraud at elections must be

broken up, and the Supreme Court of Colorado appears to be determined to break it up here and now.

THE WATER QUESTION TONIGHT.

It is understood that action on the water proposition of the majority report of the special committee to the City Council will be demanded tonight. We again voice the opinion that with regard to a proposition which ignores all former reports, all previous investigations, all the efforts of every kind hitherto in the way of providing an ample water supply for the city, there should not be so much stress for immediate action.

There appears to be no special connection of this new scheme with those for the same purpose that have gone before. It is a new plan, not very well understood. If the facts are as reported, that there have been most important modifications made in the plan within a week, would it be unfair to say that it does not seem to be a very well digested plan even in the minds of those who urge it?

The waters of Big Cottonwood are the chief reliance under the plan as now modified. But is it sure that the rights to the water in that stream have been fully investigated, to know whether the water can in fact be lawfully transferred by those who purport to transfer it, and so taken by the city?

Has sufficient cautious thought been given to the guarantee which the city makes, and to the cut-throat clause of the options, under which the water may be taken from the city arbitrarily and peremptorily, under section 1, on pretense that the water is unfit, or under section 2, on claim that the supply has failed?

It is true that after months of labor, and an infinitude of detail, the majority of the committee claims that the plan is sufficient, and is all right. But it said so before the defects were discovered later. May there not be more defects? And, anyway, can the people be asked to endorse by their vote for the issue of a million dollars in bonds, unless there is presented to them a well-matured scheme, free from doubt, as to the title to or delivery of water, and one that is thoroughly comprehensible to the public?

It is not enough that a few understand what is proposed, and endorse a plan as all right, sufficient and reliable; it should be in such shape that the public can fully understand and endorse. Thus far there has been nothing presented sufficient for the public grasp in the essential points.

Is it not true that this were done? Would it not be better to have this full explanation and understanding even before the Council is asked to endorse any proposition by its vote?

DEATH OF W. C. P. BRECKINRIDGE.

The death of Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge of Kentucky recalls to public notice a man who had gone into eclipse through his own misdirected passions. Since his escapade with Madeline Polard he has been as one dead, so far as his public activities are concerned. And yet, he was one of the most brilliant of men. He ranked high as an orator, a lawyer, and a statesman. Few stood so high, or were more in the line of winning even higher honors than he had yet reaped. Yet in an evil hour he yielded, and fell down. But others have also yielded to temptation, and have not been so severely held to stern account.

Mr. Breckinridge was born in Baltimore, August 28, 1837, a son of the Rev. Robert Jefferson Breckinridge; he was a graduate of Center college, Danville, Kentucky, April 26, 1855; he received the degrees of A. M., LL.D., and also LL.B., from the University of Louisville, February 27, 1857; and that of LL.D. from the Central university of Richmond, Kentucky, and Cumberland university of Tennessee. He entered the service of the Confederacy as captain, and became colonel of the Ninth Kentucky cavalry, and was commander of the Kentucky cavalry brigade when it surrendered. He was afterwards professor of equity jurisprudence in the Kentucky university. He was elected Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Kentucky in 1884, and was continuously elected for five terms, but was defeated for the fifth renomination on account of the scandal referred to.

His was a conspicuous example of the phrase, "A good man gone wrong."

A plurality of 42,996 for Roosevelt in Oregon, in a total vote of 77,910, is a tremendous victory. The vote for the leading candidates was, 69,453 for Roosevelt to 17,457 for Parker. The Democracy is certainly in a submerged condition in the Webfoot State. Who was it that said Parker had a show to carry Oregon?

Last week's open settlements in the ore and bullion market showed a great and new record—\$611,800, compared with \$530,000 the previous week. Add to this the value of \$300,000 for the 929,547 pounds of copper bullion shipped to the East during the week, and we have a valuation of close upon a million dollars as the result of the week's operations in the mines of Utah. It is a great record, and this State is strictly in it when it comes to a checking up on the great mineral States.

We are sure that every one will be glad of the prospect of the appointment of Senator Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri on the Panama Canal Commission. The old gentleman has been thrown high and dry upon the beach by the overwhelming tide of Republicanism in Missouri, and a Republican will be sent to the Senate in

his place. Yet all hate to see him go, for he was one of the most genial, courteous, and fair-minded Senators in the chamber. It was always a pleasure to see him deal with any question, for his earnestness, good faith, and perfect candor. We trust that his lines may always fall in pleasant places, for he deserves to have it so.

THE TRUE NON-PARTISANSHIP.

In the old days here the only way to have non-partisan schools was to elect Liberals on the Board of Education. The schools before this was done were public schools but the name, while being, in fact, sectarian Mormon schools supported by public taxation.

But the Mormons in control thought they were conducting real public schools. They didn't mean—that is, the most of the school trustees didn't mean—to conduct sectarian schools at the public cost. But some did not know any better; others were careless or indifferent, and the church plotters got in their work so that the schools were really but little more than Mormon training schools.

With the consolidation of the numerous school districts into which this city had been divided, and the choosing of a Board of Education which was controlled by the Liberals, there ensued at once a complete transformation, and the schools were immediately made, in fact, non-sectarian, and their tone and methods of instruction were immeasurably raised.

It was inevitable that with Mormon control the public schools should be sectarian—Mormon. It was just as inevitable that the Liberal control of the schools should be non-sectarian.

Why? The answer is obvious. The Mormon was devoted to his doctrine, and saw nothing wrong in injecting it more or less into the schools; the Mormon system is concrete, united, working all ways, often by the direction and guidance of crafty men, toward the sectarian purposes they have in view, using as instruments those who may be in the control and subject to counsel. Under such a system, sectarian control is sure, and is always injurious.

On the other hand, the Liberals were united only in the commendable purpose of having free, non-sectarian public schools. No sect among the many represented in their ranks, either sought or would have been suffered to acquire the least advantage over other sects in the public schools. This fact protected the schools under their control from the slightest taint of sectarianism; such a thing was impossible.

So, now, in the coming school elections here, the American party represents the purely non-sectarian element in the electorate. It does not demand or exclude on account of religion. It is necessarily and positively wholly non-sectarian. No other organization is so.

The so-called non-sectarianism and non-partisanship which is controlled by partisans of the two parties respectively, on the basis of an equal division of party spoils, and with the Mormon hierarchy behind and controlling both, is necessarily spurious. It assumes that there can be nothing outside of their two parties, instead of banishing party altogether. It is the absolute rule of party, not non-partisanship.

We therefore call upon the people to repudiate that sham non-partisanship which has shown such evil results hitherto, and to come out in favor of the only real non-partisanship there is.

THE SCHOOL CONVENTION!

In the official call for the mass school convention of the American party on Wednesday evening of this week at the Grand Theater, the Fourth precinct was inadvertently omitted.

The call is to nominate one candidate for member of the Board of Education in each of the First, Second, Third, and Fifth wards, and two members in the Fourth. Six members are to nominate and elect in all, and those who attend the meeting should come prepared for the work in the respective wards of their residence.

The grand prizes from the World's Fair at St. Louis appear to have been pretty liberally distributed to the West, and undoubtedly they were well deserved and earned. Utah makes a great showing in such winnings, and now Idaho gets, among other things, a grand prize for its agricultural exhibit. But there are many who will contend that the United States got the greatest prize of all, in the return of the \$4,600,000 loaned from the public treasury to set the exposition on its feet.

The collections for a suitable monument to President McKinley have been prosecuted so quietly of late that the public will no doubt be surprised to hear that the sum of six hundred thousand dollars has been raised to build the monument, and that work on it will proceed without delay. It should be a magnificent monument, not only because of the sum raised, but more because of the magnificent services that McKinley rendered to his country.

Medical authorities say that "slashers" are properly subjects for treatment. This is true; the only question is, by whom.

The motto in the affairs of Salt Lake county seems to have been, He that hath grafting wax to graft with, let him graft.

When there is so much room for legitimate church influence, what a pity it is that any church insists upon exercising illegitimate influence!

ODDS AND ENDS.

David R. Francis, president of the St. Louis Exposition company, is probably the most elaborately decorated man in America. Kings, Princes and potentates have showered decorations upon him until, if he wore them all at once, he would glitter like a circus wagon. Among the last are the red eagle of Prussia, the crown of Italy, the Leopold I of Belgium, the sun and lion of Persia, the double eagle of Russia, and the cross of the Legion of Honor of France.

Food—My dear girl I have a little more sense than you give me credit for. Belle—I am glad of that—for your sake!—Illustrated Bits.

Electricity never played so important a role as it does at present in the far East. The Japanese generally use telegraph and telephone in leading their commands. As soon as firing is heard in any direction bamboo poles are planted and wires strung, and in a short time the line is ready for use.

An American tourist recently wrote the following inscription in an English railroad train: "Passengers are requested not to pick flowers while the train is in motion."

"Did you hear how McDuff was bawled last night?" asked the first freshman. "The sopho put him through a terrible ordeal."

"What did they do to him?" asked the second freshman.

"They burst into his room," said the first freshman, "and took all his cigarettes away from him."—Cleveland Leader.

"Are there any new improvements in the 'auto' line since I was here?" inquired the enthusiast.

"Yes," said the salesman, "one just came in this morning. It is a folding horse, to be carried under the seat and used in case of accident."—Detroit Free Press.

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At the story of the girl upon the box.

For the horse she'll have the whip hand
And she'll set the town of Gotham in a whirl;
Oh, the girl who holds the ribbons is a thoroughbred, is she—
Her highness of the Ring—the Horse Show Girl—New York Press.

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